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SUBJECT: HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING JULY 21: LONG-TERM
STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT

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1. WE ARE PLEASED WITH SECRETARIAT EFFORT IN C(78)128 TO
ORGANIZE AND ENCOURAGE MORE EMPHASIS ON OECD'S WORK ON
LONG-TERM STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT WITHOUT DEEMPHASIZING SHORT-
TERM ISSUES. DIRECTORATE BY DIRECTORATE RUN DOWN SHOWS
SECRETARIAT HAS NOT BEEN -ONTENT TO DEAL WITH SHORT-TERM
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DEMAND MANAGEMENT CONCERNS BUT IS ALREADY GIVING CONSIDER-
ABLE ATTENTION TO IDENTIFYING AND OFFERING INSIGHTS ON
STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS.

2. WE BELIEVE GENERAL APPROACH SUGGESTED BY SEC GEN WILL
ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEES TO GIVE IMPORTANCE TO
THESE PROBLEMS AND HOPEFULLY TO FIND OPPORTUNITIES FOR

INTER-COMMITTEE COOPERATION AND WORK SHARING. WE ENDORSE HAVING THE EPC AND ITS WP-2 SERVE AS THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S WORK. SPECIALIZED COMMITTEES SHOULD BE ASKED TO TAKE STRUCTURAL IMPEDIMENTS MORE INTO ACCOUNT, WHERE RELEVANT, AND A WORKING RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THOSE COMMITTEES AND THE EPC.

3. THE STATEMENT OF EACH DIRECTORATES' WORK PROGRAM ON LONG-TERM STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT (PARA 7 THROUGH 17) IS USEFUL, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT EACH WILL GIVE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF ATTENTION TO TOPIC. WE PARTICULARLY WELCOME HIGHLIGHTING IMPORTANCE OF NEED FOR FRESH THINKING ON INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT QUESTIONS AND POSSIBILITIES FOR RELATING ACTIONS TO GROWTH IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE ATTENTION GIVEN TO FINDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LONG-TERM ADJUSTMENT IN AGRICULTURE THAN IS IMPLIED IN STATEMENT FOR THAT DIRECTORATE. WE DOUBT TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIRECTORATE WILL GIVE MUCH THEORETICAL ATTENTION TO LONG-TERM CHANGE.

4. MISSION MAY WISH TO SEEK SEC GEN IDEAS ON WAYS OF RELATING THIS LONG-TERM EFFORT AND MORE URGENT POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT INITIATIVE. WE ASSUME THAT THEY ARE RELATED ANALYTICALLY BUT SECRETARIAT IS ORGANIZING THEM SEPARATELY. VANCE

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